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ANNUAL SESSION M. E. CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT WAS IN PROGRESS HERE DURING PAST WEEK.

The Sessions Were Held in the Second Methodist Church, and a Large Number of Delegates Were Present.

The annual conference of the Columbus district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met at the Second Methodist church in this city last Wednesday morning. The meeting was called to order by Rev. L. M. Lipscomb, presiding elder, and Rev. S. L. Pope, of Brooksville, officiated as secretary. Devotional exercises were then held, having been led by Mr. Lipscomb, and the reports of the ministers of the different churches composing the conference were then called for.

Rev. R. A. Clark, pastor of the Second Methodist church in East Columbus, was the first minister called on, and made a most excellent report. He stated that during the past year there had been one hundred and thirty additions to the church and that the progress in every department had been most satisfactory. Besides the new members which have been added, the church has been painted and repaired and other needed improvements have been made.

Rev. W. C. Galceran, pastor of the Columbus circuit, stated that things in his district were doing fairly well, and that there was a gratifying spiritual growth among his people. Mr. Galceran stated that there are three Sunday schools included in his circuit, and that they were all in a fairly prosperous condition.

Rev. E. S. Lewis, pastor of the Methodist church at West Point, reported fifty-two additions to the church during the past year, and said that his Sunday school is exceedingly prosperous, having about one hundred and eighty members. He said that his church had subscribed \$1064 to the Millsaps College fund, and that the subscription would be largely increased before the end of the present year.

Rev. D. W. Babb, pastor of the Crawford circuit, after having reported the spiritual condition of his people as only fairly good, devoted quite a deal of time to the discussion of family prayers and the temperance movement. He said that in his judgment it was the duty of every minister to preach frequent sermons on temperance and to continually urge the heads of families in their congregations to hold family prayers regularly. He asked the different ministers present about the condition of the communities which they represented and the local ministers made very flattering reports. Both Dr. Shoaff and Mr. Clarke stated that during their residence in Columbus they had never seen a drunken man or heard an oath. Dr. Shoaff stated further that he considered the moral condition of Columbus to be better than that of any city of similar size of which he had knowledge.

Rev. H. B. Gladney, pastor of the Starkville church, stated that the past year had been the most prosperous that his church ever enjoyed. He said that he recently conducted a revival at which there were more than one hundred conversions, and that he had a large number of additions to the church. Mr. Gladney said that the spiritual condition among the young people was exceptionally gratifying, and declared that he had among his membership at least one hundred young men who would speak in public or lead prayer meeting whenever requested to do so.

Rev. J. E. Thomas, of Macon, said that both spiritually and financially his church was in good condition. He said that his stewards looked after the finances and that during the past year they had raised a sufficient sum to purchase a pipe organ for the church and to repair and improve the parsonage.

Rev. T. J. Hopper, of Winstonville, and Rev. W. A. Bowlin, of Sturgis, reported normal conditions in their churches, and Rev. S. L. Pope, of Brooksville, reported affairs in his district to be most prosperous. He said that during the year a new church had been erected two miles west of Brooksville, and that all the churches, Sunday schools, Epworth

Leagues and missionary societies in his district were flourishing.

The final report was made by Dr. J. W. Shoaff, pastor of the First Methodist church in this city. Dr. Shoaff has charge of the largest church in the district, and his report was most gratifying. It showed that during the past year 208 names had been added to the membership roll, that an Epworth League, a Bible class for adults and a young men's training class had been organized, and that the affairs of the church are in a most prosperous condition.

After the reports of the ministers had all been submitted, Rev. J. N. Mitchell, presiding elder of the Aberdeen district, was introduced, and addressed the conference in behalf of Grenada College, of which institution he is the financial agent. A sermon by Rev. H. B. Gladney followed Mr. Mitchell's address, and the conference adjourned until 2:30 in the afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to a discussion of Epworth League and Sunday school topics, Dr. J. W. Shoaff making an excellent address on "The Place of the League in Our Economy"; Rev. R. A. Clark and Mr. Pat Hogan told "How to Make the League Go"; Rev. E. S. Lewis and Rev. J. A. Poe discussed "The Reason We Have Not More Leagues in the Columbus District," and Prof. Joe Cook spoke on "The Relation of Departments of Epworth League Work to Life and Character Building of Our Young People." The discussion of Sunday school topics was then taken up. Mr. Gid D. Harris spoke on "The Scope of the Sunday School"; "How to Make the Sunday School the Greatest Possible Success" was discussed by Messrs. W. H. Carter and S. L. Pope; Mr. S. B. White spoke on "Difficulties, as Seen by the Superintendent," and a talk on "The Sunday School as a Factor in the Moral and Religious Training of Citizenship" by Judge F. A. Critz brought the afternoon session to a close.

Wednesday night was devoted to devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. T. W. Lewis. Mr. Lewis, who was formerly pastor of the First Methodist church here, and who is now financial agent of Millsaps College, selected as his subject, "Christian Education," and delivered a sermon which was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

On Thursday morning the discussion of Sunday school topics was continued. "Our Educational Needs" were discussed by Rev. D. W. Babb and Rev. E. S. Lewis; Prof. Joe Cook spoke on "Education"; Judge F. A. Critz delivered a fine address, and the program was concluded with devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. D. W. Babb.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to addresses on general church work, and Friday morning missions were discussed. Friday afternoon financial topics were taken up, and interesting talks were made by several of the delegates.

The following delegates to the annual session of the North Mississippi Conference, which convenes in this city next December, were elected: Judge F. A. Critz, Prof. Joe Cook, Messrs. W. V. Connell and George Turner; alternates, Messrs. E. L. Thrower and Jno. C. Golding.

After having selected Mathiston as the next meeting place, the conference adjourned Friday afternoon.

Columbus Boys Recognized.

It is pleasing to note that Columbus boys the world over achieve many things, and it is with pleasure that we learn of a compliment paid to Messrs. Harold McGeorge and Lonnie Lincoln, two of this city's most promising college men. Both are taking a course in engineering at the Agricultural College, and when the government officers arrived at Starkville a short time ago to begin work of reclaiming government lands that lie west of that town, they heard of the excellent record the young men had made during the past session in their engineering work. Being in need of competent men, the government surveyors offered these young men positions with nice salaries attached, which they accepted, for the remaining summer months.

Mr. J. H. Stevens has been confined to his home the past week suffering from a severe cold. His many friends hope to see him out again at an early date.

The numerous friends of Mr. Jno. R. Maxwell will regret to learn that he has been confined to his bed by illness for several days past.

SOUTHERN ROUND HOUSE WILL SURELY BE BUILT

It has been generally understood for some time past that the Southern Railway in Mississippi would erect a roundhouse here, but the officials of the company were reticent and would give out no information on the subject. On yesterday, however, it was officially announced that the roundhouse will be built, and contractors have been invited to submit bids for the construction of the building.

The round house will be built in the northeastern portion of the city, where the repair shops are now located. The material to be used will be either brick or concrete, and the structure will have ten stalls. In ad-

dition to the erection of the roundhouse, many other improvements will be made. The machine shops, which have already been enlarged, will be still further improved, and the repairs on all the rolling stock used on the Mississippi division will be made here.

The improvements to be made here will call for the expenditure of between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars, and the shops will employ a large number of first-class machinists who draw large salaries and who spend money freely.

Columbus is improving rapidly, and the erection of the roundhouse here marks another step in her industrial progress.

UNDERWEAR MILL STARTED MONDAY

AFTER BEING IDLE FOR A YEAR THE COLUMBUS UNDERWEAR MILL RESUMES WORK TOMORROW.

Mill Has Been Leased to W. H. Rowe Knitting Company of Huntsville, and Will Be Kept in Steady Operation.

The Columbus Underwear Mill will resume operations tomorrow. As has already been stated in The Dispatch, the mill, which has been idle for more than a year, has been leased to the W. H. Rowe Knitting Company of Huntsville, Ala., and this company will keep the plant in continuous operation. Mr. Geo. A. Shaver, the superintendent of the company, has been in the city several days getting ready for the opening, and the mill will start up tomorrow morning. During the time that the plant has been idle it has been in charge of a competent caretaker, and everything about the place is in excellent condition. Steam was turned on yesterday for a trial run, and the machinery ran smoothly and easily, no trouble of any kind having been experienced.

Mr. Shaver brought several experienced mill hands from Huntsville, and since coming here has secured a large number of operatives. Some of these operatives were employed in the mill under the Kavanaugh regime and are thoroughly familiar with the work which they will be called upon to perform. Other hands will be carefully trained under the direction of the experts who were brought here from Huntsville, and the lessees anticipate no trouble in securing all the efficient help necessary to operate the mill on full time.

The Columbus Underwear Mill is one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the city, and our citizens are glad indeed that it is to resume operations. The residents of East Columbus, where the mill is located, are especially gratified, as the resumption of work will infuse new life in this enterprising suburb. Many of the residents of this section were employed in the mill, and its period of inactivity has witnessed a general feeling of depression, some of the old employees having been unable to secure work elsewhere. Now that the mill is to start up, however, their troubles are at an end. There will be work for all, with the welcome pay envelope in evidence every Saturday night, and the people will once more be prosperous and happy.

Will Close July Fourth.

Practically all of the merchants of the city have agreed to close their stores next Thursday, July 4th, and business will be practically suspended on that day. No celebration of any kind has been planned, and the business men will probably spend the day quietly at home or in the woods hunting and fishing. Several picnic parties have been planned, and numerous pleasure seekers are anticipating a most delightful day.

Miss Ella Long, of Columbus, Ga., was a visitor to the city last week, having come to spend a few days with her brother, Mr. Lowery Long.

Mrs. E. B. Waddell left Friday for West Point, where she goes to visit her niece, Mrs. John M. Ervin.

NEW COMPANY BEGAN MONDAY

CORPORATION WHICH HAS PURCHASED STREET RAILWAY AND LIGHT PLANT TO START IN MONDAY.

Parties Interested in Deal are Reticent, and Will Give Out Little Information Concerning Their Future Plans.

As the public is well aware, the properties of the Columbus Light and Power Company and the Columbus Street Railway Company have been merged, and their joint holdings have been sold to a corporation composed of both local and foreign capitalists, and the new company takes charge of its possessions tomorrow. The gentlemen interested in the scheme are very reticent, and detailed information regarding the deal has been extremely hard to secure. The deal was engineered by Mr. R. W. Watson, of Harrisburg, Pa., and it is understood from a reliable source that he is one of the principal foreign stockholders in the new concern. Mr. Watson, who is now in the city, would give out nothing definite concerning the matter. When seen by a Dispatch reporter he stated that the parties most vitally concerned in the scheme had requested him to give out no information, and that he felt in duty bound to respect their wishes.

From outside sources, which are considered thoroughly reliable, it is learned that the new company will have a local man as its president, and it seems to be generally understood that Mr. C. F. Sherrod is slated for this position. Mr. Sherrod, who holds a considerable amount of stock in the new concern, is one of the most successful business men in the city. He is extremely popular among the people of Columbus, and the stockholders of the concern could not have selected a better man as their chief executive.

Mr. Watson was asked who would have charge of the office of the company as general manager, and replied that this matter had not been definitely settled. He stated, however, that Mr. S. W. Greenland would be in temporary charge of the office. Mr. Greenland, like Mr. Watson, is from Harrisburg, but has made several trips to Columbus during the past winter, and is familiar with the affairs of the two companies which have been consolidated. Mr. Greenland is a gentleman of pleasing address and urbane manners, and will make a most efficient representative.

It has been rumored that the new company would make extended improvements, that the street car line would be rebuilt, the new plant being erected near the electric light plant in East Columbus. Mr. Watson, however, declined to confirm this rumor. He said that his plans had not as yet matured, and that he wanted to come here and thoroughly familiarize himself with local conditions and requirements before undertaking any improvements. While Mr. Watson will not take up his residence here, he will make frequent visits to Columbus, and will keep in close touch with the situation here. He said that just as soon as he decided what improvements were to be undertaken, he would gladly give out full information concerning them and the public awaits this information with much eagerness.

W. S. McAllister Badly Wounded. Canton, Miss., June 25.—Hon. W. S. McAllister was shot and badly wounded by Dr. C. E. Walker near Canton yesterday morning, but tonight he is resting easy, and no serious results are anticipated.

The men had had a difficulty the evening before, growing out of a law suit over a couple of yearlings that Walker had in his possession that McAllister claimed, and had engaged in a fight in the circuit clerk's office. It is said that Mr. McAllister tried to draw a pistol during the fight, but parties interfered. He afterward bought a shot gun, not for use on Walker, he explained, but he did not propose to submit to arrest. In the evening he drove out to his home in the country, and was on his way back to Canton yesterday morning, and was about a mile from town when Walker came out of a blacksmith shop on the road side and fired at him. McAllister at the time had his gun in the buggy with him, but did not get to use it.

Walker came into Canton and surrendered, and was released on bond.

Miss Hughes Painfully Hurt.

Miss May Hughes, of Purvis, Miss., who for the past week has been the attractive guest of Miss Lucile Richardson at her home on South Sixth Street, had the misfortune to be painfully hurt in a runaway accident on last Wednesday afternoon. Miss Hughes and Mr. Claude Richardson were out driving in a buggy, and were in front of the residence of Maj. R. C. Betts on South Fourth avenue when the shafts became detached from the buggy and the horse took fright and ran away. Mr. Richardson and Miss Hughes were both thrown from the buggy, and the young lady was painfully hurt. She was taken to the McKinley Sanatorium on Main street, and upon examination it was found that one of the ligaments in her neck had been broken. This was the only injury sustained, and while painful is not considered serious. Mr. Richardson was not hurt, and while his friends and those of Miss Hughes sincerely regret the accident they rejoice with them in the fact that the results were not more serious.

After the horse had pulled loose from the buggy he broke for the business district at a rapid rate of speed, and upon reaching Main street ran into a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Stanley Gardner, which was standing hitched in front of Gunter Brothers' furniture establishment. The frightened animal made a phenomenal leap and landed squarely on top of Mr. Gardner's horse. Strange to relate, neither animal was seriously hurt, but the canopy top and dashboard of Mr. Gardner's buggy were considerably battered up as a result of having come in contact with the horse's hoofs.

Harris-Verner.

Mr. DeWitt C. Harris, of this city, and Miss Willie Birta Verner, of Aberdeen, were married at the home of the bride in Aberdeen at three-thirty o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. The groom is a brother of Mr. T. W. Harris, of the Winston-Harris Hardware Company, and is an enterprising young business man. He is deservedly popular here, and his many friends congratulate him upon having won the heart and hand of such a pretty and highly accomplished young lady. His bride is the daughter of Mrs. Rowena Verner, and was for quite a long time a resident of this city, the family having only recently moved to Aberdeen. She is greatly admired here, and her friends will cordially welcome her return as Mr. Harris' bride.

The numerous friends of Maj. H. M. Waddell, who has been in bad health for quite a long time past, are glad to hear encouraging news from him. Maj. Waddell, who is now with his kinsman, Mr. R. T. Brownrigg in St. Louis, writes that he is improving rapidly, and hopes soon to be fully restored to health. It is needless to say that this hope is echoed by The Dispatch and by his numerous friends here.

Mr. F. M. Jacob left last week for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he goes to confer with manufacturers who have become interested in his patent for the toilet. Mr. Jacob has large correspondence concerning his patent from all over the country and believes that he will realize handsomely from his invention.

Mr. M. E. Taylor is visiting his parents at Lake Charles, La.

MILITARY MEN WERE HERE FRIDAY

GENS. KEESLER AND FRIDGE, OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD, WERE IN THE CITY ON FRIDAY.

Came to Columbus to Make Arrangements for the State Encampment Which is to be Held Here in August.

Major General Keesler and Adjutant General Fridge, of the Mississippi National Guard, spent last Friday in the city, having come up on business connected with the State encampment, which is to be held here in August. Gen. Fridge was seen by a Dispatch reporter, and stated that the prospects for a large attendance and for a successful encampment are extremely good. He said that he expected an attendance of at least twelve hundred men. There will be twenty-four companies in camp, with an average of fifty men to the company.

There will be one artillery company, the Warren Light Artillery, of Vicksburg, and one cavalry company, Troupe A, of Cliftonville, in attendance. This will be the first cavalry company that ever attended a State encampment in Mississippi, and the fact that they are to be present at the coming amalgamation of soldiers is attracting a great deal of attention in military circles throughout the State. The troop will march here from Cliftonville through the country, being accompanied by Lieutenant Levi G. Brown, of the U. S. Cavalry, who has been detailed as one of the army inspecting officers for the encampment, and who, together with Capt. Ephraim G. Peyton, of the Eighteenth Infantry, will represent the regular army. The cavalry company, which is under command of Capt. Cavett, numbers about forty men, and is fully uniformed and equipped. Another company that will march here through the country is the Aberdeen company. This organization belongs to the Infantry branch of the Mississippi National Guard, but Capt. McFarland has asked permission to march his men through the country, as he believes that the march will prove to be very beneficial to them.

As has already been stated in The Dispatch, the camp grounds will be located in the northeastern suburbs of the city on property owned by Messrs. Marx and Heard. The tents will be pitched on the plat of land between the main line of the street railway and the branch leading to Washington Park, while the headquarters will be near the Washington Park pavilion. The tracks of the main line and branch are so constructed that they form three sides of a parallelogram, and there is ample room in this space for both tents and drill grounds. Besides company drills at frequent intervals during the day, there will be dress parades late each afternoon, and as there will be two military bands here to furnish music during the stay of the soldiers, the encampment, with its many amusement features and social festivities, will doubtless attract here hundreds of civilians from all sections of the State.

Gen. Keesler returned to Greenwood Friday afternoon, and Gen. Fridge left the same night for Jackson. The latter official will, however, return to Columbus on July 15th for the purpose of superintending the arrangement of the camp. He will establish headquarters here, and will remain in Columbus until the close of the encampment, which begins on August 6th and continues ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Owen are home from Mobile, Ala., where Mr. Owen was called by the illness and death of his mother, which sad event occurred in that city last Sunday, an occasion which enlists for him the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this city. Mr. Owen's friends will be glad to know that he will continue his residence in Columbus, despite the efforts made upon the part of his Mobile friends for him to come to that city to look after his large property interests there.

Prof. S. M. Nash's friends are pleased to see him again on the streets after a week's illness.

Miss Gladys Hirshman has returned home from a visit to friends in Okolona.